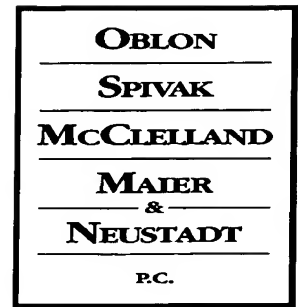




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Applicants: Makoto NAKAMURA, et al.
Filing Date: April 8, 2004
For: LONG MAGNET, PRODUCTION METHOD
THEREOF, MAGNET ROLLER AND IMAGE
FORMING DEVICE
Group Art Unit: 3726
Examiner: JIMENEZ, MARC QUEMUEL

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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In response to the election requirement dated January 8, 2007, Applicant provisionally elects without traverse the Invention I (drawn to a product, Class 335, subclass 209), Species A (a reinforcing member to reinforce the magnetic block), Subspecies I (reinforcing member made of metal), and Subspecies VI (reinforcing material made of film-like material), for further examination on the merits. Applicant identifies Claims 1, 2, 8-10, 13, and 15 as readable on the elected species. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

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